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er of the House of Com-

mons, to his Grace

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Lord Lieutenant of IRELAND, in
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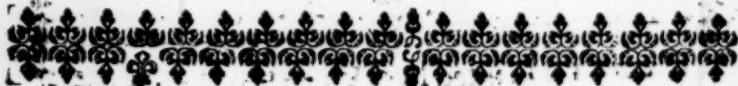


30. July 1662.

ORdered *nemine contradicente*, that the
Speech delivered by Mr. Speaker yesterday,
to his Grace JAMES Duke of ORMOND,
Lord Lievtenant of this Kingdome, being
so fully agreeable to the sence of the House,
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May it please your Grace;

IT was truly said, in *Numero, Pondere, & mensura* *Creavit Deus omnia*; His Majesty, Gods Vicegerent intending a new Creation to this poor Kingdome, (for who knows not the Chaos we have been involved in) hath assembled these Honourable persons that now attend your Grace, in *Numero*, representing the Commons of this Kingdome, in *Pondere* qualified with judgement and experience to treat and advise about the weighty Affaires thereof; in *Mensura*, according to their mite, offering to his Majesty measure prest down, and running over: This Assembly have commanded me, (O that I could wave this word command, my own inclination leading me to the ready performance of this duty,) but I must nor, I have received their command, a strict one, they have left me no discretionary Latitude, they have intrusted me with a rich jewell to present your Grace, and onely recommended the moduling the case unto me: and this under a limitation too; For they know that Logick sits at the forge and hammer, Rhetorick at the file and polishing, and this in favour of the Laws they have forbid me, knowing I ought not to practice in that mistery wherein I have not served out my time; and though this be *una*, it is not *unica ratio*, for truthy and such a truth as must be stamp't by the authority of that House, they judge according to the rules of Heraldry, it must be emblazon'd in a plain coat: Next Sir, the House in this address f-

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lows not the tract of common principles; For, that beauty of the universe we behold, arises out of jarring Elements, *Dicere concordia / asibus opus est*; the most ravishing Harmony is composed of discords; But when this House raises a structure, the noise of a hammer must not be heard in the building; when they set a lesson it must be perfected out of unisons: *Nemine contradicente* is the Key of our descants, and by a *Nemine contradicente* I am commanded this day to publish to your Grace, a

Dicite Jo Paan, & Jo bis dicite Paan.

Welcome, welcome, welcome Great Dux a is the Anthem appointed by the House of Commons for this great Festival; This is *multum in parvo*, and according to that rule *veritatis syllabas oportet esse breves*: This is above the task of a single tongue, *Non mihi si centum linguæ centum oraque*. No, so many faces as attend your Grace, are the volumes in which this record of welcome is inrolled; Flesh must be the Parchment, and bloud the Rubrick to register this day, without Errata's, or any *Index expurgatorius*:

Our Prayers were, you might come, Our enquiries were; when will he come: Our joyes must be compleat to welcome you now you are come.

The Laconisme of *Cæsar's* letter I have heard admired, who wrote *veni, vidi, vici*; But Sir, You may write much shorter, and much truer, *vici* onely, for so forcible an operation hath Your virtues, that many worthy persons this day, of whom you could not write either *veni* or *vidi*, have entertained an Honourable contest who should first resigne the devotion of their services to your Commands; so that I may say,

*Hoc, Calo commune tibi est, dux magne, deisque
Distantem influxu posse ferire tuo.*

I remember I thrice repeated your Graces Welcome; there is more of Logick than Rhetorick in it, for there are three Estates concerned in it; The Lords Spiritual have welcomed you into the holome of the Church: The Lords Temporal have welcomed you into the bed of Honour, The Commons do welcome you into the recesses of their Hearts, perfum'd with Loyalty to his Majesty, and with submissive affection to your Person; What hinders then, But it be Enacted, But here I want expression when I consider the divided passions of our Sovereign in giving the Royall assent.

May it please your Majesty, you must either deny your self or deny us, and you have rather denyed your self, then you would deny us: you are contented though under some impatience to wait his Grace, rather then we should want him under despair: Then since we have the Royall assent, let your Graces welcome be Enacted; not by a temporary act, but to continue to us and our posterity.

But what a croud of ingredients compound the present consistencie of our joys, and even these have their just advantage; The Sun breaking forth from an imprisoning cloud returns with a covered light, and we are taught many times to inhance the value of former enjoyments by their absence; this weakness of our judgement being recompenc't with an improvement of our affection: Thus Sir, when we considered you exil'd from whatsoever might have yielded you a sublunary satisfaction

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tisfaction; when we consider you divorc't from your Lady; whom Grace and Nature had fitted to transmit your Name and Honours to future ages, in an issue like to you both; when we consider you raviſht from thoſe large hereditary territories conveyed through the channells of ancient, pure, and Noble blood; and not onely thus divorc't from *Rachel*, but expoſ'd to *Leah*, to a bleer-eyd condition, and for what crimes? your virtues were your crimes: This is the imprifoning cloud; But now to behold you breaking forth with Rayes, Rayes reflected from the ſolar aſpect of his Maieſty, Rayes that awaken and call up the ſleeping virtue in the roots of the ſeveral intereſts in this Kingdom, Rayes that guild the Church, Rayes that we doubt not but will *ſegregare heterogenea*, burn up ſchiſmes, Hereſies, & *congregare homogenea*, wedde doctrine and diſcipline; Rayes that warm the civil Government, Rayes not contracted to the Cedars of *Lebanon*, but proportionably influencing the loweſt ſhrubs, what return for ſuch general benefits, then the generall acknowledgement of all the Commons in this Kingdome.

But Sir, in the Van of particulars, your care of that Religion profeſt in your Mother Church opens our arms, and Embraces you in Embraces as faſt, and durable, as thoſe with which you Embraced it: That Religion of which you uſe to ſay;

*Ille meos, primum quæ me ſibi junxit, amores
Abſtulit, illa habeat ſecum ſervatque ſepulcro.*

And had we no other inſtances of his Maieſties tendeneſſe to this Kingdome, nor other evidences of his Religious Soul this even this ſingle act were enough to confirm our affections and

and Loyalty, and to regulate our imitation: We may well judge his Majestie expects us to write in a Canonick hand, by sending us over such an Orthodox Coppy;

Black mouth Detraction thou that feedest upon the consciences of Kings, and gnawest the breasts of great Ministers of State, hide thy mouth in the dust; this day thy Tragædy bears date: Behold him placed over us by our Sovereign upon whom Temptations in the wilderness, in torrain parts, after many days fasting in a necessitated condition, left no other Impression, then their fume and malice: And Ireland hearken not unto unwarrantable fears (if any such be) behold him that in his single Person dar'd the French Cardinals power, and rage in rescuing that Illustrious Prince of fresh and glorious memory, the Duke of GLOCESTER from the snares layd for his tender years: What mayest thou not now expect from him, armed with power, fenced with Laws, and both designed by the most religious of Kings,

Nil desperandum tali duce & auspice tali

Thus Sir you arrive to us Commission'd from God, for they that honour him, he will honour them:

Religion hath an unseperable companion, Loyalty: These are like *Ruth* and *Naomi*, wheresoever thou goest, I will go, and God having joyned them in your Grace I dare not separate them; This was *Ariadnes* Clue that led you through all the Labyrinths and vicissitudes of your life: this hath returned you to us with the same countenance and complexion, *Sic oculos sic ora ferebat*, as when you left us, I wonder at those that wonder at it, for how should the face alter, when the Heart, and noble parts retain their primitive healthful temper: How can

consumptive impressions seile that body that keeps within it self
a feast, a feast (with reverence I say it,) dress'd by Gods one
hand, for your good conscience was a continual feast : God pre-
served you and reserved you for this day, therefore your eye
must not grow dimme or your natural heat decay:

Impregnable Castles and walls of Brass are but Emblems
of this single virtue:

The Poets fained that *Jupiter*, the better to compass his
Rapes transformed himselfe into several shapes,

Fit Taurus, Cygnus, Satyrus, aurumque ob amorem :

Let the Fable goe, but the Moral holds, that the usurped
powers at home, and confederated powers abroad run all
those Metamorphoses for the Triumph of a single Rape upon
your Allegiance, and all in vain, If we listen unto the *Siren*
aire of their Promises and Invitations, they are *Swans*, if we
consider the merit and weight of them, they are showres of
Gold, they learnt the plausible Dialect from their Father, all
this will I give you, if you will fall down and worship: If we
reflect on their menaces, and (which is more) their practices
they appear in shapes more fierce, and antick, then Bulls, and
Satyrs : But your Grace made good by practise what deserves
the praises of a speculative fancy, be pleased to attend it, it is
the Epistle appointed by the House for this present day,

*Iustum & tenacem propositi virum,
Non civium ardor prava jubentium,
Non vultus instantis Tyranni,
Attente qualis solida, se fractum,
Illabatur arbis Impavidum,
Ferunt ruina.*

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Your Grace knew you were a star, of the first magnitude in the guards of *CHARLES*: his wain, and those must not be Erratick, but fixt: Thus you are Commission'd from the King unto us, and then what shall be said, nay, what must be done to the man, whom the King intends to honour:

Now be pleas'd to give us leave to lay aside these general Topicks of Religion and Loyalty, and to recreate our selves with the remembrance of those benefits we enjoyed under your Graces government:

It was not still musick, or bonefires lighted for Triumph, that ushered your Grace into your government; No, it was the warlike noise, of Trumpets, sounding of Drums, neighings of barbed Steeds, and the screeches of the half-slain that Proclaimed your entrance upon a stage of blood: And when you were thus but a Graduate in your Government, you were put upon termes of disadvantage and necessity to dispute with the Doctors of the Chair, for your enemies wanted neither *dolus*, or *virtus*: And if we who in a direct line partake of the prudence of your Councils and the success of your sword should be silent, even *England* that is but collaterally interested, might, may, would upbraid our ingratitude, since the Lords and Commons, assembled in Parliament, there pregnant with the sense of your merits were humble suitors to his late Majesty of ever glorious memory as an earnest of his further favours to confer on you the honour and dignity of a *Marquess*, and that the rise of that honour might survive to be at the instance of the Parliament in *England*, they presented your Grace with a jewel to be worn upon your breast, the better to direct the aspect of men to the inward jewel by the richness of the case.

Thus we enjoyed in the heat of war, the shades of peace untill fatal divisions among our selves, (and a divided Kingdom cannot stand) rent your grace from us, and then when the shepherd was smote, how miserably were the sheep scattered:

But when your Grace saw this Royal vessel sinking, you leapt not into the Long boat to make provision for your own safety: no, you made honourable and secure articles for those that imbarqu'd upon your accompt.

Many stand here this day that owe a lasting sacrifice to your piety, who through age, wants, family dependancies, or the like onely accompanying your Grace with their prayers under the Lee of those articles in the continued violence of those stormes, Embayd themselves and their fortunes.

And yet when the flagging sayls carried you unwillingly from this Coast, when you lost the sight, yet you retain'd the sense of this Land: Length of time, or distance of place, could not abate the intensiveness of your spirits for this Kingdoms good.

It is said that upon the dissolution of Q. *Mary* in order to her embalming, *Callis* was found written on her heart: I shall not dispute the truth, but sure this is, *Ireland* at your Graces departure was *ultimum moriens*, and upon your return *Primum veniens*.

I shall pass by that familiar reception your Grace afforded to the Commissioners of the General Convention of *Ireland*, (for the name of it I can onely say, *aliquisque malo fuit usum in illo*)

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Neither shall I mention your frequent and stedable advices, your constant readines upon all occasions to bring them into his Majesties presence: I forbear your Graces passionate and repeated Questions, How little *Benjamin* did? how all things were in *Ireland*? whether the old man was living? how our fundamental Laws were administered: And in the conclusion of all, how careful you were to return us with our moneys in our sacks mouths, with his Majesties gracious Declarations, and Instructions, so that the addresses from this Kingdom went out like the Bow of *Jonathan* that never returned empty.

Witness the address from this House by their Commissioners to his Sacred Majesty, in reference amongst other things, to that great Bill of Settlement, (for that adopted title it retains) Sir, I am not this day speaking of his Majesty, we still præmise, *Rex nobis hac otia fecit*: of him we say, *Omnium domus illius vigilia defendit, omnium otium illius labor, omnium delicias illius industria, omnium vacationem illius occupatio*; His Majesty is the Spirit that moves the wheels, and We are now upon one of the Master wheels, and happy is the Kingdome when the wheels moves as the Spirit moves; His Majesty is the waters of healing, and we applaud a tutelar Angel that stir'd the waters, and helpt in this paralytical Kingdome in the croud of Patients: And here give me leave to remember the five foldness of your time that you afforded *Benjamin*: Did the morning require your Graces attending in Parliament? *IRELAND* must be first served: Did afternoon Committees pray in and to your advice? *IRELAND* must be first served; were there particular causes designed for hearing at the Council Boord? you have successfully employed your mediation that *IRELAND* might be first served: when clauses and Proviso's were offered

to be inserted in that great Bill, your first care was to see if they were Declaration touch, and held them up before it, as the Eagle to try the legitimation of her brood, dares their eyes with the Sun beams; and in the throng of such addressees, I have observed your Grace in civility to hear all persons, but in justice to see none; And if upon pretensions of Profit, any intrenchments upon the Declaration had been offered, your Grace knowing the nature of your Great Masters standard, wherein a carack of honour, outweigh'd pounds of profit, you endeavoured to transmit the Bill as a seamless coat.

And now Sir, I need not have recourse to any Rhetoricall Figure, to make that great Bill to speak; your Grace may take notice, that as, many dayes you waited upon it, so it hath to this day waited upon your Grace; It remembers how often when it was in the Cradle and swaddling bands, you visited it; It remembers when it was in the state of its minority, and under a Committee of the Council Boord, how faithful and tender a Guardian you was to it: It remembers how powerfully instrumental you was to give it a body, and now waits untill your Grace by the Royall assent breath a Soul into it.

It is now time to take in my sayles, and make ready an anchor, especially since me thinks I see a cloud rising upon your brow; I know your Graces temper, that you place your reward as well as your recreation in doing good, and not in hearing of it being done; But be pleased to remember, it is the Commons of this Kingdome speak, and then, *Vox populi*, nay more, *Vox populi Dei*, is *Vox Dei*; As they are the great enquest to present criminals so they are the great records to preserve virtue and merits: Could your Grace have been contented to have
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acted less, my Commission would have been to have said less;
But it is fit we give your Grace an Essay of that obedience that
so unanimously we devote to your Commands; and therefore,
I shall onely adde, That as this House most submissively ac-
knowledgeth the repeated obligations from his Majesty; so
they look upon this as the fermentation of them all, that he
hath put those Laws and Estates he hath so graciously bestow-
ed on us, under your Graces Government and Protection: And
that while it shall seem expedient to his Majesty, to continue
us in a Parliamentary way, His Majesty shall find the effects
of his great wildom and goodness in giving your Grace unto
us, a Governour after our own hearts; That so, as we have
been happy in your Grace, your Grace may be happy in us,
and the union of both these, Center in the ever prayed for
happinefs of his Majesty, and his other Kingdomes.

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